

A Thesis
on

Leucorha

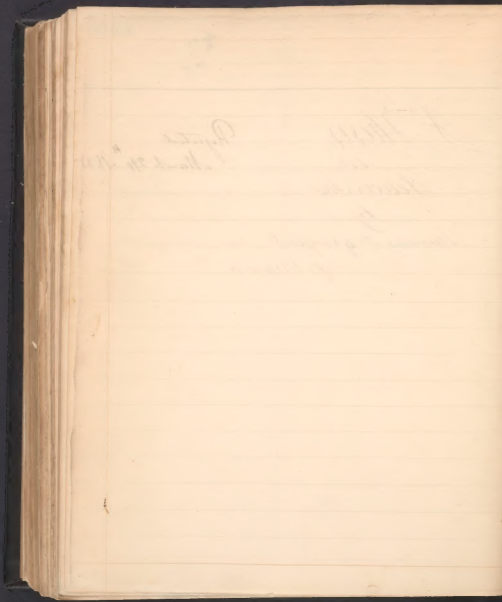
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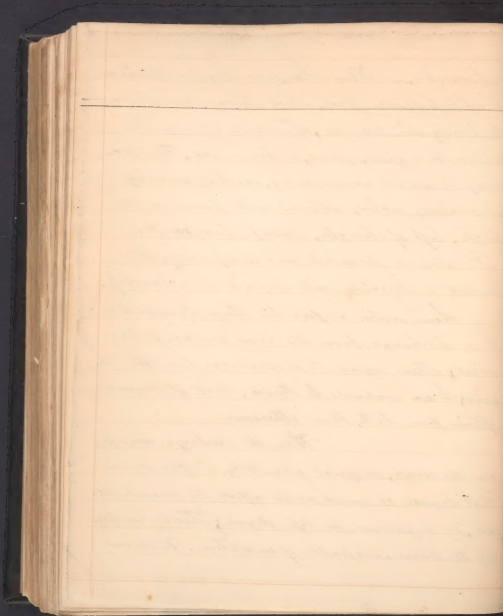


Leucorrhoea, or *Flux Albus*, is an irregular discharge of white pellucid fluid which takes place from the Uterus and Vagina, afterwards varying its colour to a green, yellow, or brown hue, then becoming somewhat acrimonicous, exciting smarting in making water; attended with pains in the back, loss of strength, palour, languor, &c.

The sleep is disturbed and unrefreshing; the patient is dejected and disposed to melancholy.

Some writers confine the term *Leucorrhoea* to a discharge from the inner surface of the womb; others again to a discharge from the Vagina; I am inclined to think, that it proceeds often from both, than otherwise.

When the discharge comes from the womb, in great quantities, it often injures that organ so much, as to affect the menstruation, in a greater or less degree; thereby rendering the uterus incapable of conception. However



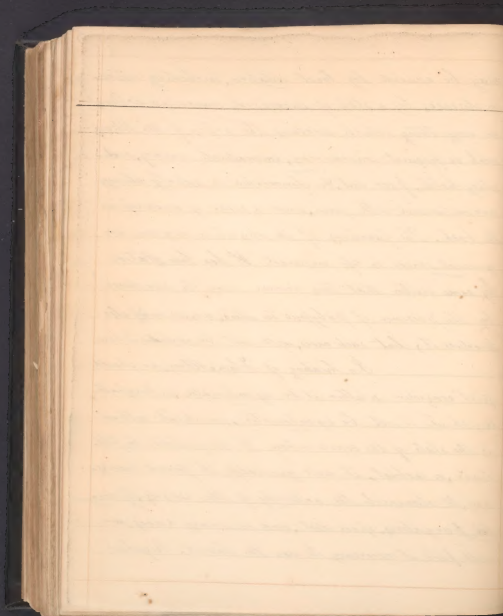
the menses frequently continues pretty regular;
 and in these cases, the Leucorrhoea discharge diminishes
 during the flow of the menses, but increases a
 little before and after menstruation.

It frequently happens when the
 menses are obstructed, that the Fluxus Albus
 becomes more abundant, and is attended with
 more pain in the back, about the monthly pe-
 riod. Fluxus Albus may occur in two different
 states of the constitution, these are, a state of
 plethora, and a state of debility. The first is
 marked by a full habit and a good complexion.
 The second, by a pale countenance, a sallow
 surface, and a feeble pulse. The discharge
 in some cases may be mixed with a little
 blood from the uterine vessels, if there be
 a tendency to menorrhagia, but not other-
 wise, unless there be organic disease of the
 parts. We may bear in mind that Leucorrhoea

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may be caused by local inflation, including organ-
ic disease; by a state of increased vascular action,
or any thing which weakens the action of the Uterus,
such as frequent miscarriage, immoderate venery, sed-
entary habits, poor diet, &c. Tumor is nearly always
accompanied with pain, and a sense of weakness in
the back. The functions of the digestive organs are
general more or less injured. It has been stated
by some writers that this disease may be produced
by the presence of polypus in situ; worms may also
produce it, but such cases, will not be considered here.

In treating of Thrombus, we should
first consider whether it be symptomatic, or idiopathic.
If it should be symptomatic, we should attend
to the state of the constitution. If the patient be phle-
mic, or robust, it will generally be found neces-
sary, to diminish the activity of the vessels, by mi-
ldest purgatives, spare diet, and in many cases, we
will find it necessary to use the Lancet. Regular

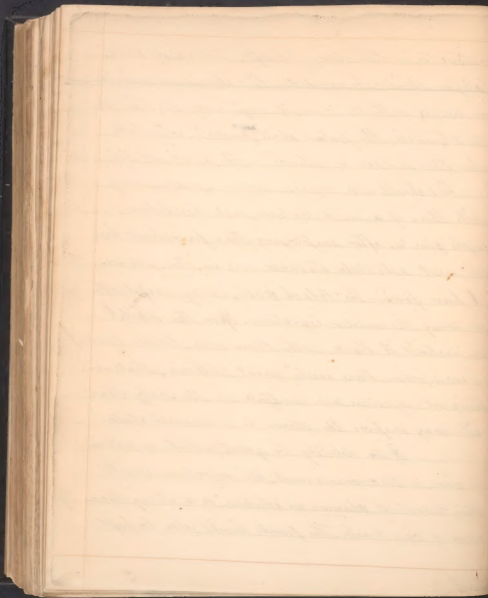


exercise is, in this view, of benefit, but in all cases,
fatigue should be avoided. We should give tonic
medicines with the view, of improving the tone of
the stomach; the patient should ^{use} cordials, cold bath,
when this disease is attended with great debility.

We should also employ injections, commencing
with those of a mild nature, such as Sarsaparilla,
Sulph Zinc &c. after employing these for a short time,
we must substitute stronger ones in stern places.

I have found the Black Wash, very useful after
using the milder injections. Upon the whole, I
am inclined to think, with those who believe that
in cases, where there exists great plethora, that as-
tringent injections, are hurtful, in the early stage,
and may shatter the Uterus to a diseased state.

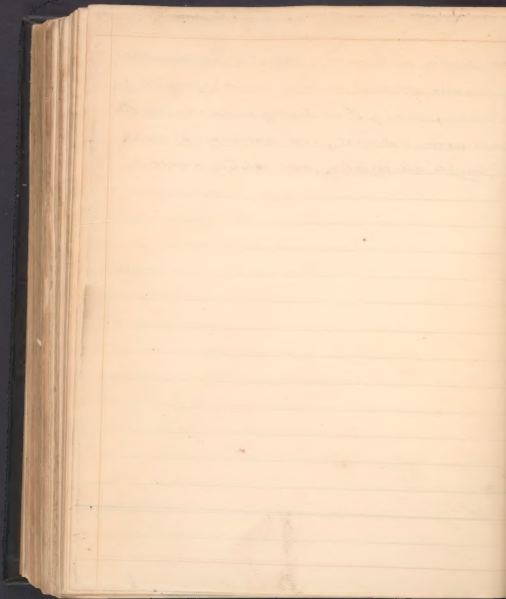
If the debility be great, which is seldom
the case, in the commencement, the injections should
then consist of aluminum in solution, or a strong deco-
ction of oak bark. The parts should also be kept







our practice in Leucorrhoea, when it is not dependant
on organic affections, consists in rectifying the co-
nstitution, making it as healthy as we can, by the
mode above advised, and avoiding as much
as possible all irritating, and exciting causes. X



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